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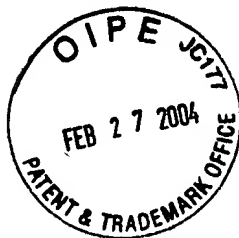
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 27, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, for one month from February 17, 2004 to March 17, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00, to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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